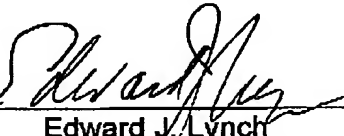


REMARKS

Applicants believe the pending claims are directed to patentable subject matter.
Favorable initial consideration and an early allowance are earnestly solicited.

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